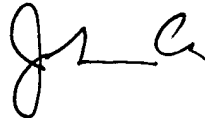


REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. The claims stand subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant elects claim group II for examination on the merits without traverse. Group II comprises Claims 13-24 and 30-35. Claims 1-12 and 25-29 are withdrawn.

Consideration of all claims on the merits and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

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